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 Subject: Request for Participation in SSFL EPA Technical Meetings
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Dear Ms. Moutoux,

I have explained to you that the West Hills Neighborhood Council is an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles. I have indicated my request to participate in your technical meetings for more than a year and a half. I appreciate the very cordial discussion that we had recently.

I have sent this in advance of a planned conference call with you. I hope that my letters will explain my justification for inclusion in your technical meetings.

The City Charter is our guide. The Neighborhood Councils fall under the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. That Chapter can be found here:
http://www.amlegal.com/nxt/gateway.dll?f=templates&fn=default.htm&vid=amlegal:laac_ca

"Sec. 22.800. Purposes.

There shall be a department in the City government known as the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment which shall be referred to in this chapter as the "**Department**". **This Department shall be charged with the goal of promoting increased public participation in government and working to make government more responsive to local needs.** The Department shall ensure that every part of the City is within the boundaries of a neighborhood council. **The Department shall provide equal opportunity for all by enabling neighborhood groups to form neighborhood councils.** The Department shall facilitate the delivery of City services to the neighborhoods by helping to identify and coordinate the needs of the communities with the responsibilities of the City departments by coordinating and involving the relevant City staff in integrated problem-solving with the neighborhood councils."

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"Sec. 900. Purpose.

To promote more citizen participation in government and make government more responsive to local needs, a citywide system of neighborhood councils, and a Department of Neighborhood Empowerment is created. Neighborhood councils shall include representatives of the many diverse interests in communities and shall have an advisory role on issues of concern to the neighborhood.

I hope that by sending this more formal letter and references to our role as Neighborhood Council Board members, that you will consider my request to be present at EPA Technical meetings.

I also hope that you can provide me and other WHNC Board members that wish to be involved with the assistance of any toxicologists or specialists that EPA may have available - as per our previous discussion. We have also requested in the past the assistance of the EPA TASC team and their consultants. We would like to discuss the role that the EPA TASC Team

can assist the WHNC. I could arrange for a representative of the EPA TASC team to appear before the full WHNC Board. There is no longer a Santa Susana Mountain Area Committee (SSMAC).

The WHNC appreciates the time that you have spent attending our SSMAC meetings and in keeping us apprised of your ongoing activities. However some WHNC Board members do wish to be more active participants in the technical community discussion process.

Attached are photos of WHNC Board members and others at the SSFL on a site tour in 2008 and in 2009.

This is a link to our WHNC Board of Directors:

http://www.westhillsnc.org/BOARD_OF_DIRECTORS.html

Thank you.

Chris Rowe

West Hills Neighborhood Council Board Member